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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated 15 December 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows as stated in the "Amendments to the Specification"; "Amendments to the Claims" and "Amendments to the Drawings" sections (as applicable) in this response.

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If entry and consideration of the amendments above requires an extension of time, Applicants respectfully request that this be considered a petition therefor. The Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee(s) due in this connection to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

ADDITIONAL FEE

Please charge any insufficiency of fees, or credit any excess, to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

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